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Re: Request Need for EPM Funding-Programmatic Funds

Erin,

Sherry Kamke, UST Chief of the Underground Storage Tank Section at Region 5 recently made inquiry to the U.S. EPA Region 5 state UST and LUST programs seeking information specific to possible future EPM Funding needs. As such, the Ohio UST program has a specific need directly tied to the Energy Policy Act inspection provisions and is interested in making future application for an estimated \$100,000 to assist in this endeavor.

The Ohio UST program is currently working towards creating and incorporating a UST operational compliance inspection program that relies heavily on a global positioning/scheduling data program called "Click Scheduling". Without getting into too many specifics, this is where the project currently stands and where we plan to be come late spring/early summer 2013.

- The Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) has already expended \$50,000 of state funds to purchase "Click Scheduling" program licenses and electronic tablets that will be used by our field inspectors.
- Sessions to educate and share business rule information are currently being held. These sessions include Click Scheduling contractors, Ohio Department of Commerce - Information Technology and fiscal personnel, and BUSTR personnel.
- Future requirements of the project will include coding of the Click Scheduling program to make the program specific to the operational compliance inspection program and interfacing the "BUSTR Click Scheduling" program to the new Ohio Tank Tracking & Environmental Regulation (OTTER) data base. This is where we intend to use the dollars.

The ultimate goal of the BUSTR Click Scheduling program is to enhance the efficiency of the Ohio operational compliance inspection program by using this program to optimize travel time to underground storage tank (UST) facilities. It is anticipated that the Energy Policy Act 3 year inspection requirement can be reduced significantly thus allowing UST field staff to spend meaningful time assisting with program education and outreach. It is also anticipated

that our staff will be spending more time assisting the compliance/enforcement program with those facilities referred for delivery prohibition and civil litigation at the Ohio Attorney General.

Please feel free to contact me at (614) 995-4246 if you have any further questions or concerns surrounding the Click Scheduling program and our interest in making application for EPM Funding dollars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Hill", written over a horizontal line.

William L. Hills, Chief
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